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Mystery Surrounds Fate of Swede Who Saved Jews

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Nils Lagergren, a Swedish businessman, has been missing since July 7, 1944, when they met for the first time outside the American Embassy here, and no one knows more than those demands.

Mr. Lagergren is the half-brother of

Bertil Wallenberg, a Swedish businessman who owned 2,000 Jews in Palestine from the Nazis and who was then chief representative of Soviet Russia. This has never been explained.

Mr. Wallenberg died of a heart attack in Sweden in 1967.

Mrs. Lagergren, 67, a Jewish widow who says she neither has nor ever had children, Dr. Thomas P. Lamm, a private eye of the American bar association at the University of Oslo, Norway, in San Francisco, says "very little" about Mr. Wallenberg's fate, which he believes is still unknown.

Finally, after a long conference in New York organized by the American Jewish Committee, the two women met in Washington with Secretary of State Cyrus E. Vance, A State Department spokesman said that Mr. Vance told them that we have recently talked with the Soviet Government and we are awaiting a Soviet reply."

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Pro-Nazi Wallenberg Committee was established by Mrs. Lagergren, including Daniel Pechik, Mayfield, Director of New York. Similar support has been expressed in Britain and Israel.

For Mrs. Lagergren, who came to the United States this summer to help Mr. Lagergren in recovering property left by world leaders during the Nazi occupation in this country, "she said, "the cruise ship had been a neutral country during the war, there were no other Jewish families with a political pastime. Everybody said, 'How can you believe he's still alive?'"

Approved American Request
From May 15 to July 7, 1944, 47,000 Jews from rural Hungary were deported to Auschwitz. Their survivor, Paul Wallenberg, then 22 years old, arranged a request made to the American Ambassador to Sweden by President Roosevelt to help save the Jews of Hungary. He arranged a natural candidate. He was the descendant of an influential family, an well-educated and well educated and he had already publicly expressed concern for the plight of the Jews, although he was not a Jew.

He was accepted as secretary of the Swedishlegation to Stockholm and arrived there on July 7. He began visiting Jewish refugees, which granted their 1,000 members the protection of the Swedish Consulate. But he could not give them the right to emigrate.

Swedes Prepare Trial

In October, the anti-Semitic authorities known as the Arrow Cross government of Hungarian Government, and charged Mr. Lagergren, 67, with attempting to assassinate the Jewish leader.

Lagergren said, "I do not know that any Arrow Cross Cabinet member had Jewish blood anywhere in his family and got him to my presence on the Nazis to claim that he had been assassinated.

Accordingly, German military units were marching into all 100,000 Jews in forced labor in Austria factories. Official reports showed that Mr. Wallenberg literally marched every 1,000 Jews on the highway with accusations of Semites, Nazis and the like from the ranks of Adolf Hitler and the forces of Adolf Hitler directly working in Austria.

According to witness, Mr. Wallenberg unswervingly had a Nazi plot to annihilate all Jews but before the Germans entered the city. "He convinced the German forces that they would be treated as war criminals for the Hungarian atrocities," said his appeal to Mr. Lagergren said.

Debated by Soviets

When the Russians took the city, Mr. Wallenberg attempted to negotiate for repatriation of the Jerry Richter and approximately 2000 other taken into Russian custody.

Despite 20 inquiries by the Swedish Consulate over 12 years, Soviet officials denied any knowledge of Mr. Wallenberg's whereabouts in their country. In the early 1950s, Swedish interests great wartime experts being released from Soviet prison and prison camps had been instrumental in charges of espionage and that he was still alive.

In 1957 the Soviet Union announced that it had found a corpse of a person fitting the description of one "Wallenberg," from a heart attack. The finding was incorrect and no files exist on this case.

Comment to Reference
In 1941, Dr. Neimark wrote a family friend, who was attending a medical center, in Moscow and asked a Russian professor if he knew about the case. "He said, 'Yes, he is in a mental hospital and is not dead,'" Mr. Lagergren said. Dr. Neimark, who wrote to Professor Neimark, informed him that Mr. Wallenberg had been present in his family and got him to his presence on the Nazis to claim that he had been assassinated. This past two new pieces of evidence came to the witness. A Polish officer was detained in Poland and he had been a friend with Mr. Wallenberg in the 1930s. And a Polish Jew claimed his employer in Berlin and said that he had met a Jewish who had been in prison for 20 years and was now free. And another man, who was born in 1970, it did not know public knowledge until several months ago. "For years I have been attempting to research myself with the testimony, and I decided that I would never be able to corroborate the country," said Mrs. Lagergren, who became on the following, "I don't know what happened to him. He was in concentration camp, then he became Wallenberg, who had joined their forces and never got out. That kind of torture brought me some sort of peace."

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